GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5914
ANSWERED ON:31.08.2001
TV RELAY CENTRE AT BASANTI, WEST BENGAL
SANAT KUMAR MANDAL

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken an accommodation on rent at Basanti, Sundarbans, in the district of Chobis Pargannas, West Bengal to start a TV relay centre service in 1996;

(b) if so, the rent paid so far;

(c) whether the Relay Centre was started functioning;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the time by which the Relay Centre would start functioning ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a): Doordarshan had taken an accommodation on rent in 1996 for establishment of a Low Power TV Transmitter at Basanti.

(b): Rent @ Rs.1350/- per month has been paid for the accommodation, till June 2001.

(c), (d) & (e): Prasar Bharati has intimated that the Low Power TV Transmitter at Basanti is functional since March, 1997.